REQUEST Application Number 10/018,367 **FOR** Confirmation Number 7863 TUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Filing Date December 19, 2001 TRANSMITTAL First Named Inventor Hideya SAITO MAIL STOP RCE Group Art Unit 1711 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Robert D. Harlan Examiner Name Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Matter Number Q67396 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 AND VULCANIZED MOLDED ARTICLE Title This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii. 🗆 Other b. \(\overline{\Omega} \) Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. 🗆 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii.□ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) iv. 🗹 Petition for Extension of Time v. 🗆 Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months Other b. □ 3. FEES Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and for the petition of a one-month extension of time of \$110.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 07/13/2004 HALI11 00000126 10018367 23373 CUSTOMER NUMBER 770.00 OP 01 FC:1801 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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For: FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER AND VULCANIZED MOLDED ARTICLE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004. A Petition and payment for a one-month extension of time are attached, making this Response due on or before July 9, 2004. An RCE is being filed herewith currently.

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.